



El Dorado High School - Vista High School

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER - JULY 2015

Welcome Back Cougars!

School begins Monday, August 10, 2015, 8:25 am

Please visit our WEB SITE: <http://cougar.eduhsd.net>

EDHS provides AERIES.net Portal access to all students and parents. The portal includes information about student attendance, grades, contact information, email notifications from teachers and much more. AERIES.net allows parents to update emergency contact and other information online, as well as access many documents you previously would have received via mail *online*, including the Annual Parent Notification, Summer Newsletter, Medication in School Forms, Athletic Handbook and much more. To access an Aeries.net Portal Account:

Continuing Students: Your AERIES.net Portal remains the same from last year – same username, same password: <http://parent.eduhsd.k12.ca.us>.

New students and parents: You will receive information to create your AERIES.net Portal account via mail in mid-July.

Emergency Information Update/Data Confirmation for the 2015-16 school year – All families are asked to log on to the AERIES.net Portal starting July 20, 2015, to update or confirm your child's information and review the documents provided. Updating contact information is essential to ensure we can communicate with you about your students' progress, or in cases of emergency.

CLASS SCHEDULES - You may view your student's schedule as of Monday, August 3rd on your Aeries Parent Portal. All students may pick up class schedules on the first day of school, Monday, August 10, 2015, 7:30 – 9:30 am, in front of the Multipurpose Room.

Class Schedules – Vista Students Vista students will pick up their schedule on the first day of school, Mon., Aug. 10th at 8 am, Room V197.

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES Schedule changes will be limited to those that involve courses needed for graduation. Elective changes will not be available. **All students must follow the class schedule they receive on the first day of school.**

A.S.B. CARDS Associated Student Body cards may be purchased during orientation and during the first two weeks of school in the Student Store at the end of D-Wing. At \$25, they are a "best" buy. With an ASB card, students will be able to gain free admittance to all league athletic events (excluding playoffs) played on our campus and reduced admission at all EDHS activities (excluding SAW Week).

ATHLETICS IMPORTANT FOR ALL STUDENT ATHLETES!! Fall Athletic clearance will start August 3rd from 8 am-2 pm in the Main Office. You can pick up an athletic handbook in the main office until June 5th or from the counseling office June 8-18 and July 9-31; and again in the main office starting August 3rd. You may also access the forms on the district website. All of the forms in the handbook need to be completed and signed by parent and student then turned into the main office no later than, Friday August 7th at 4pm in order to be cleared to try out the first day. All athletes must be "cleared" before trying out for a sport. Tryouts begin on August 10th; **you must be cleared to attend tryouts.** Clearance includes a completed athletic packet, no fines from previous school year (for returning students only) and grades (2.0 GPA OR higher for returning students only.) Our annual "Sports Physical Night" was held on May 12, 2015. If you did not attend, you will need to have your own physical completed and signed by a medical doctor. If you have any questions about a particular sport, all of our programs will be represented by their coaches at new student orientation night, Thursday, August 6, 2015, 4:30-7:00pm. Cougar cards, for game entrance, will be sold by our Boosters Club during new student orientation night as well as at each sports parent meeting in the fall. The Athletic Department can be reached at 622-3634, ext 1010, and will be available beginning Monday, August 3rd. **GO COUGARS!!!**

ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS THURSDAY, August 6, 2015 from 4:30-7:00 pm, There will be a campus orientation for freshmen and new students. This important program includes campus tours, the opportunity to meet athletic coaches, and you may purchase ASB stickers, yearbooks and EDHS clothing. New students will also have the opportunity to pick up their schedule of classes. There will be a parent meeting at 5 pm (Multipurpose Room) with the Administration for parents who attend Orientation. Details of the orientation program will be announced in an upcoming mailer. We look forward to seeing you!

ATTENDANCE To report absences, please call on the day of the absence to 622-3634 ext. 1011. Only parents or legal guardian may excuse an absence. If your student is checking out early for an appointment, please send a note with the student to bring into the attendance office at the beginning of the school day or call the attendance number. Returning students must check into the attendance office to receive a pass back to class. All absences must be cleared within 72 hours of the absence or the absence will be considered unexcused. El Dorado High is a closed campus and students may not leave without checking out. If a student leaves without checking out, an hour of detention will be assigned.

Sick Student Check-Out Procedure When students feel ill in class, they must first report to the First Aid room prior to calling/texting parent/guardian. The call home must come from a school staff member.

Excessive Excused Absences When a student has reached 14 excused absences, the school will require a physician's note to excuse the absence. A letter will be sent when the student has reached 11 excused absences explaining the process.

Excessive Unexcused Absences When a student has more than three unexcused absences all-day or the same period during a school year, they are considered truant and subject to referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). The family will receive a letter notifying that the student is truant and explain the SARB process. After the third letter, the student may be referred to SARB and the board may impose sanctions against the family and/or student.

BELL SCHEDULE The bell schedule will be sent home along with a list of classes in July. The bell schedule is also available on our [website](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 starting at 6:30 pm.

CAREER CENTER For information on careers, colleges, SAT and ACT tests, scholarships, financial aid, work permits, job shadows and internships check the web site or call the Career Center at 622-3634 x 1033 after August 3, 2015.

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy Students are responsible for the safe keeping of the devices and the school assumes no liability for lost or stolen items. Cell phones and electronic devices may be used before and after school, during break/ lunch and during passing times. Cell phones and electronic devices must NOT be out or in use at ANYTIME or ANYWHERE on campus during class time. If Cell phones or electronic devices are used during class time, students MUST submit their phone to a staff member (who will then submit the phone to Administration) and the following consequences will occur:

o **First Offense:** Students may pick up their phone in the office at the end of the day and 2 hours of detention are assigned.

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy (continued):

- o **Second and Third Offenses:** Assistant Principal will contact Parent/guardian then the phone will be returned at the end of the day and a Saturday School will be assigned to the student.
- o **More Than Three Offenses:** Student's cell phone will be given to the parent/guardian at a parent/student conference with an administrator.
- o **Continued Cell Phone Violations:** Will be treated as acts of defiance and will result in progressive discipline. **Students who refuse to turn their cell phones into staff members will receive additional consequences for defiance.**

CLOSED CAMPUS EDHS has a closed campus during the school day. Students are not to leave the campus during the school day unless permission and a pass are obtained from the attendance office. **If you fail to check out before you leave, you will receive an hour of detention - no exceptions.**

COLLABORATION DATES Every Monday is a 2:40 pm release time with the exception of one Monday a month, when there is a 2:00 pm release time. Please check the calendar on the District web site: <http://www.eduhsd.net>

DRESS CODE POLICY Parents or guardians of students have the primary responsibility for establishing and implementing appropriate standards of dress and grooming. It is El Dorado High School's legal and ethical responsibility for establishing a classroom and campus atmosphere that creates the appropriate environment for teaching and learning. To fulfill this responsibility some "common sense" rules must apply.

- Clothing worn on campus must reflect good taste and a sense of modesty to enhance an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Extremes in clothing are regarded as disruptive and are distractions from the learning process; they are not permitted.
- Clothing with messages, pictures, or symbols depicting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, violence or disrespect for members of the opposite sex or differing cultures is regarded as offensive and intimidating and therefore, is not permitted.
- Accessories such as studded or metal belts, wristbands, chains (including wallet chains), and handcuffs are regarded as disruptive, intimidating and dangerous and are not permitted.

Other specific examples include, but not limited to:

- Shorts, skirts and dresses must provide ample coverage and may not be extremely short.
- Shirts **MUST** cover underwear and the entire torso
- Halter Tops, if they are **NOT** low cut and they must have a back.
- All tops must have straps and not be too revealing
- Baggy Pants that **DO NOT** fall below the waistline
- Spandex may only be worn underneath garments that meet dress code requirements.
- Clothing should be in good repair
- Footwear **MUST** be worn at all times (state law)
- Tank-top-undershirts may not be worn by themselves as outer garments
- Gang-Related attire and/or accessories are **STRICTLY** prohibited and are subject to the interpretation of administration and law enforcement.

Consequences:

- 1st Violation - Change Clothes, Warning and noted in Discipline File
- 2nd Violation - Change Clothes, Detention Assigned
- 3 or more violations - Change Clothes, Saturday School Assigned
- Progressive Discipline Actions for Continued Defiance

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE No diploma will be issued to graduating seniors, nor will students be permitted to participate in athletics or attend major dances, until all debts including library debts are cleared. Please check the bottom of your report cards and progress reports for fine notifications and reminders. If you do pay a fine, remember to get a receipt.

HEARING TESTING for 10th graders is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015.

ID CARDS AND PICTURE DAY An identification card is issued to each student and must be shown for entrance to most activities. It **MUST** be carried at ALL times on campus and be produced upon request of any El Dorado High School staff member.

- ID photos and yearbook photos are currently scheduled for:
Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28, 2015.

ID CARDS AND PICTURE DAY (continued):

- The makeup date for all grades: Thursday, Sept. 25, 2015.
- There is no charge for the first ID photo taken, but there is a \$5.00 replacement fee for any lost or defaced cards.
- **Students must have ID cards to attend school dances and to checkout materials from the library.**

INTERNET ACCESS El Dorado High School has a campus-wide wireless network. Students are welcome to access this network for school related purposes with personal electronic devices. The EDUHS D Acceptable Use Policy applies to the use of the wireless network. Students should be aware that their use of the wireless network may be monitored and disciplinary consequences (including loss of internet privileges) will apply if students use the network to access blocked or prohibited websites, to send/receive messages that are inconsistent with school rules, or any other prohibited use as defined by the EDUHS D Acceptable Use Policy.

LIBRARY El Dorado High has a beautiful library facility. The library is open from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We offer a large collection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, and Playaways for pleasure reading. A/V materials, print reference, and online informational databases are also available for research, school projects, and entertainment. The staff provides assistance and instruction to classes and individual students. A computer lab with 35 workstations is available to classes; computers are also available for use in the central library seating area. Students may enroll in a course called "Library Science" and become part of the library staff for one period. Please remember that an Internet User Agreement must be on file for students to use any computer on the campus. For more information visit the EDHS web site <http://cougar.eduhsd.net> and click on "Library."

LOCKERS A limited number of lockers are available for student use. If a student already has a locker they may keep it until they graduate. Incoming students must sign-up for a locker at Orientation Night or through the Attendance Office. Lockers are the property of the school and the school reserves the right to access all school lockers. The district cannot be held responsible for items damaged or stolen from lockers.

MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL If your student must take medication during school hours, a Medication in School and/or PE Asthma Form must be completed and signed by the student's doctor and parent/guardian. This includes over -the -counter medications, prescription medicines and all emergency medications, including asthma inhalers. The medicines must be brought to school in the original containers. All medication forms must be submitted to the School Health Technician in the First Aid Room by the first day of school. To print out the forms, visit <http://www.eduhsd.net> or your [AERIES.net Parent Portal](http://www.aeries.net). Click on Health Services/District Nurses, then to Administration of Medication, EDHS.

MESSAGES OR DELIVERIES During the school year, when classes are in session, phone messages will ONLY be delivered in case of serious family emergency. This is in compliance with the School Board's directive not to interrupt the instructional process. We discourage the delivery of items for students at school such as balloons, flowers, lunches, etc. If necessary, they will ONLY be accepted from parents and will not be delivered to classrooms. Students will be paged to office during passing periods.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you would like to volunteer some of your time; Monday, August 10th 7:30-9:30 am, in front of the New Multipurpose Room. We need help to hand out Class Schedules. Please call or email Dennise Pritchard, Counseling Office Secretary at (530) 622-3634 x 1028; dpritchard@eduhsd.net Please include your name, phone number, email and when you are available to volunteer. Thank you.

SITE COUNCIL EDHS has a Site Council. The Council is instrumental in planning the instructional program. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Elections for parent representatives take place at Back To School Night, August 27th.

TEXTS /EQUIPMENT Students are financially responsible for any books, lab fees, and materials issued to them. **IF PAYING FOR A LOST OR STOLEN BOOK, MAKE SURE YOU GET A RECEIPT.**

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES Report cards will be mailed home at quarter and semester only. Progress report cards are given to the student in their 3RD Period class to take home:

1 st Qrt Progress	=	Friday, 09/18/15
1 st Quarter	=	Friday, 10/16/15
2 nd Qrt Progress	=	Friday, 11/13/15
1 st Semester	=	Friday, 01/15/16
3 rd Qrt Progress	=	Friday, 02/19/16
3 rd Quarter	=	Friday, 04/01/16
4 th Qrt Progress	=	Friday, 04/29/16
2 nd Semester	=	Friday, 06/06/16

PARKING LOTS: The parking lots at El Dorado High School are out of bounds for students. Students may not go to their cars during the day to retrieve items or to hangout. Students with unscheduled 6th and 7th periods must obtain a sticker for their ID card from the counseling office to leave campus. Students found in the parking lot without permission, will be assigned a minimum of two hours detentions.

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM A complete school lunch for \$3.00 and breakfast for \$2.00 can be purchased. Parents can prepay for meals using the link on our school or district websites for My SchoolBucks. A \$2.00 processing fee will be charged when using the My SchoolBucks option. Families can also pre-pay by sending check or cash with their student to the cafeteria.

- 1) **CAFETERIA PIN NUMBERS:** All students will need to memorize their personal PIN which they should receive approximately the second week of school. Whether lunch is purchased with cash, a parent pre-pays or the student is on the free or reduced lunch program - all students have a PIN to use in the cafeteria. If you wish to pre-pay, call the Cafeteria Supervisor, Suzette Ortega at x 1053.
- 2) **FREE & REDUCED MEALS:** July 2015, each family of a registered student will be receiving a free and reduced meal application by mail from the District Office in the Annual Parent Notification Booklet; or there is an on-line version of the Parent Notification Booklet on the district website: <http://www.eduhsd.net>. Please return the application to the Food Services Secretary, Kelly Parker, at the District Office. Parents now have the option of completing the Free and Reduced Meal Application on line. After July 1, 2015 you will find the EZMealAPP link for online Free and Reduced Meal Applications at <http://www.eduhsd.net> or www.cougar.eduhsd.net. Eligibility Notification Letters will be mailed to the home. If your student doesn't wish to participate every day, returning the application ensures that the credit is there if and when your need arises. Eligibility is kept confidential. Reduced priced lunch is 40 cents and breakfast is 30 cents. *

SENIOR PORTRAITS: Senior Portraits this year will be on campus June 22, 23, 24, 2015, in the Small Gym/Dance Room. To make an appointment contact: Studio Monet, LLC at (916) 454-3888, or visit their website at www.studiomonet.com

SOBER GRAD NIGHT Our Sober Grad Night Party is an important event which allows the graduating seniors to celebrate one last time with their fellow graduates in an alcohol-free and drug-free environment. We are always looking for parents and family to become involved. If you are interested in being a part of the Sober Grad Night Committee, or would like to volunteer to help, please call or email our Parent Volunteer, Tiffany Hinds, (530) 957-1633, jthinds5@yahoo.com

TRANSPORTATION Parents can purchase bus passes online at **My SchoolBucks**. An Early Bird Discount is available when purchasing a Full Year Round Trip pass on or before Friday, 7/31/15. To apply for a free/reduced bus pass, complete the application located in the Annual Notification to Parents/ Guardians or online at www.eduhsd.net/Transportation/fees. Submit the completed free/reduced application **with the required income documents** to EDUHSD, 4675 Missouri Flat Road, Placerville, CA 95667, Attn: Karen Jones, Bus Fees. Students must have a pass to ride the bus, so get your pass before 7/31/15 to ensure transportation on the 1st day of school. The bus route schedule will be posted on the district website www.eduhsd.net/transportation as well as available in the Annual Notification to Parents/ Guardians 2015-16. Questions about bus passes can be directed to Karen Jones at the district office, transportation department at (530) 622-5081, x 7248 and questions about bus routes can be directed to Carrie DiGuido, in the transportation department at (530) 622-5081, ext. 7247.

WEATHER CONDITIONS EDHS has an automated phone caller system that is utilized for weather condition notifications, absence notifications, and important announcements. This system can also email updates to you, please make sure your phone number and email address is updated at all times.

WORK PERMITS Summer work permits are available June 1-5 from the Career Center, June 8-18 and July 9-31 from the Counseling Office and June 19-July 8 at the EDUHSD District Office, 4675 Missouri Flat Road, Bldg E, Placerville, CA 95667. (530) 622-5081, x 7224. After August 3, 2015 work permits can again be requested from the Career Center. Forms may be obtained from the EDHS website or from the above locations. **Each submitted work permit request requires a minimum of 24 hours before the permit is ready to be picked up.**

